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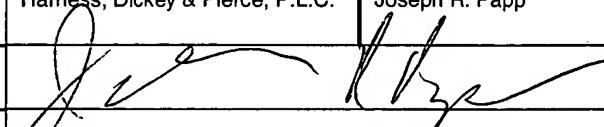
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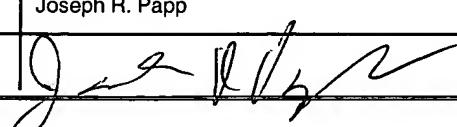
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It is submitted that a review of all of the noted information shows that applicant's invention as defined by the claims is patentably distinguishable. The Examiner's careful, independent review of the cited reference is invited as well as any inquiries or comments regarding the same.

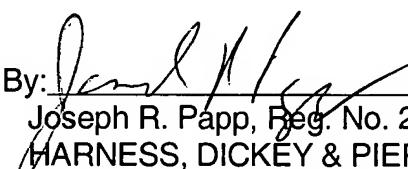
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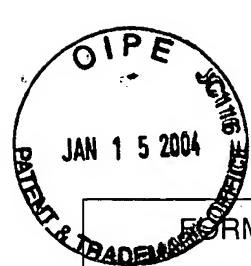
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